

Sunday morning

Luke 23:33-43

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The "Speak up" guide referred to in the sermon can be found by going to:-

www.eauk.org/current-affairs/upload/Speak-Up-Brief-Guide.pdf

Notes for further study can be found on the church website (www.testwoodbaptist.org) under "Downloads".

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19th March '17

Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

We want to reach people for Jesus,
and help His followers grow to be like Him.

Welcome to church today! May God bless you as you come here to meet with Him today. Please ask at the Welcome Desk, or check the church website, for any information you may require. There are groups for children up to Year 9. Please ask if you are not sure which group your child is in. Tea & coffee will be served after the service. There will also be an opportunity to ask for prayer at the end of the service.

This morning – In the 9:30am & 11:15am services, Gordon Tuck will be continuing our new Sunday morning teaching series called "Dying to tell you" – exploring the powerful messages from Jesus' last words from the cross. Today we'll be looking at "Heaven is real."

Also Dave and Becky Waterman are at Colne Avenue Baptist Church this morning where they are leading the service and preaching. They would appreciate your prayers.

This evening – At 7pm, Jim Shepherd will leading us in the second of a two part series on worship.

Next Sunday morning, March 26th – Matt will be preaching in the morning services on "Care for others". As it's Mothers Day, we'll be giving out small gifts to all the ladies in church as a thank you for their care for others.

Next Sunday evening – At 7pm, we have a "River" worship event. This is an opportunity to spend an extended time in worship enjoying God's presence & hearing from Him.

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Alpha – This Tuesday at Alpha, we'll be looking at the question "What about the resurrection?" Olly will be speaking, and would appreciate your prayers.

Baptism – Next term, on May 21st, we're planning to have a baptismal service. We're thrilled at the number of people who've already asked about getting baptised. If you have committed your life to following Jesus and have not yet been baptised, we'd love to talk about this with you. Do chat to one of the pastoral team.

The Marriage Course - A series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage.
What can we expect? On The Marriage Course, you are seated at your own table for two. Each session consists of food and/or drink, a practical talk and a time for private discussion between you and your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy. You never share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. Starting on Tuesday 2nd May 2017, 7.15pm to 9.30pm at Testwood Baptist Church. To sign up, or for more details, email mikeandtrishhall@btinternet.com or speak to us after a morning service. £10 per couple to include refreshments and individual course handbooks.

Totton Causeway Prospects Group - We are taking a few of the group to Spring Harvest at Minehead from the 4th to the 8th April & unfortunately we now don't have a male helper. If anyone would like to join us, we would really appreciate it. You would need to have a DBS check and be willing to share accommodation. For more information, please contact Jane Munts on 01794 322947 or 07802 385170. Thanks!

The tiniest act of kindness still has the potential to make a positive change for others and will help you feel great! (# I will)
Why not join the coffee team to help out just once a month? You will get to meet many lovely people from our church community and work in a team of two. We are still very short of helpers to serve after the first service. If you want to make a difference, please sign up as we need YOU! You can contact the welcome desk or speak to Sue Bennett directly.

Help wanted on the Welcome desk! – We're currently short of volunteers to help out on the Welcome desk on a Sunday morning. If you think this might be something you can do, please speak to Fiona Cowlard who can tell you more about what's required. Or ask at the Welcome desk!!

Nathan Parry – Do pick up Nathan's Newsletter from the Mission Board to find out more about Nathan's travels and missions in the last few months.

Young At Heart - Our next 'Young at Heart' meeting will be on April 3rd at 2pm, in the room next to the Hub. The speaker will be Annie Clewlow on the subject of Communicare. For more information, speak to Eileen Swieton.

Egg Boxes - Thank you for all your donation of egg boxes. We now have plenty for our needs thank you.

Westbrook - Only two months until our annual Isle of Wight adventure! This year our Jedi Training Academy theme will help us consider the story of Gideon and how he prepared himself to carry out a seemingly impossible task using God's strength rather than his own. We'll be asking how we can choose to rely on that same strength, so that we too can live extraordinary lives. In amongst all that we'll squeeze in swimming, beach, crafts, lovely food and lots of fun. Check out the Urban Saints centre at <http://www.westbrookcentre.org.uk> and go to reception or testwoodbaptist.org/westbrook for more details and a booking form. This trip is open to all our children and young people - if you would like to help a family who might struggle with the cost (£80) then please chat with us!

CAP Helpers/befrienders wanted - To accompany the debt coach visiting clients and to have a heart to share Jesus' love for the client whoever they are and regardless of their situation. There are normally 3 visits about 2 weeks apart, usually on a Monday or Tuesday daytime. However it is helpful to be flexible as clients are not always the most reliable. Many of the current clients are in the Totton area with the centre also covering the Waterside and occasionally beyond. There would be the need to be supported by the church and an understanding that confidentiality is important. If you want to know more please contact Tony Hodder on 02380 864232 or tonyhodder@capuk.org

Pastoral Support - If anyone has any pastoral needs then please speak to your Small Group leader in the first instance or telephone 023 8086 0320 or 07555 984530 to speak to one of the Pastoral Team.

The latest from YFM - Please read the latest update from Youth and Families Matter (YFM). YFM is your fantastic community project here at TBC. The YFM team work to help improve the wellbeing of children, young people and families here in Totton.

Any queries? - If you require any assistance please ask at the Welcome Desk. The duty deacons are on hand to help, in the Hub or Reception.

Car Parking Reminder – Parking spaces at the church are limited and we want to give priority to those who have difficulty walking, and leave some spaces for visitors. If you are able, please park on Calmore Industrial estate. Details are available at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

Items for Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint - Can be emailed to notices@testwoodbaptist.org or katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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